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1. AT GOR INITIATIVE EMBOFF MET WITH MARIN ILIESCU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MFA, TO DISCUSS OUR EARLIER APPROACH ON QUESTION OF HOT OIL SHIPMENTS. ILIESCU SAID THAT MIN FOREIGN TRADE HAD EXAMINED SOURCES FOR ROMANIAN CRUDE OIL PURCHASES FROM LIBYA WHICH, HE SAID, ARE DELIVERIES UNDER CONTRACTS CONCLUDED WITH LIBYA BEFORE NATIONALIZATION OF US OIL COMPANIES' INTERESTS. ACCORDING TO ILIESCU, ROMANIAN IMPORTS HAVE QUOTE NO RELATIONS UNQUOTE WITH OIL LAID CLAIM TO BY US COMPANIES.

2. COMMENT: WHILE ILIESCU SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON QUANTITY OF OIL COVERED BY ROMANIAN OIL CONTRACTS WITH LIBYA, OTHER SOURCES PLACED THIS AMOUNT AT ABOUT 100 THOUSAND TONS CONTRACTED FOR UP TO APRIL 1973 (REF C). CONSIDERING THAT ROMANIA PLANS TO IMPORT TOTAL OF ABOUT 6 MILLION TONS THIS YEAR, WITH POSSIBLY ONE
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HALF COMING FROM IRAN AND ALGERIA AND REST PLACED WITH FOUR OR

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MORE OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO OTHER EAST
EUROPEAN SOURCES, 100,000 TONS COULD BE REALISTIC MINIMUM FIGURE
FOR ROMANIAN IMPORTS FROM LIBYA.
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